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NHGL hosts flu training conference

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Last Thursday the Naval Hospital Great Lakes conducted a training conference on Avian and Pandemic Influenza.

According to the World Health Organization, the Avian Flu, an already expanding illness in birds, had taken the lives of 78 people worldwide as of the date of the conference. This serious threat brought together planning groups that included representation from Great Lakes tenant military commands, the Federal

Emergency Management Agency, Cook and Lake Counties, the City of North Chicago, Zion, Highland Park, and others. All valued this opportunity to enhance area coordinated disaster and flu outbreak response strategies.

Captain Michael H. Anderson, Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital Great Lakes welcomed all and underscored the importance of a



coordinated response among all in the room. More than 70 planners were in attendance and included physicians, dentists, nurses, fire department officials, area security and police, public health, public relations and other emergency management professionals.

Captain Jesse Monestersky, Naval Hospital Great Lakes, Preventive Medicine Officer

and Epidemiologist and Captain Larry Williams, Naval Hospital Great Lakes, Emergency Management Training Coordinator joined together to facilitate this vital emergency planning event and both agree that the Avian Flu risk is a serious threat and all should be prepared.

Capt. Rebecca McCormick-Boyle, executive officer, Naval Hospital Great Lakes shared, "Although we wear a uniform, we still see ourselves as a part of the community and as leaders we hope to enhance regional disaster readiness through this and other coordinated efforts."

TSC Sailors experience a new side of Chicago culture at Bulls Game

TSC provides students more opportunities to see the city

By EVA KOWALSKI
Training Support Center

The Chicago Bulls are about as Chicago as deep-dish pizza, the Sears Tower, Oprah Winfrey, the Chicago Cubs and the Blues Brothers. For Chicagoans, the Bulls are an inherent part of Chicago culture. More than 300 student Sailors from Training Support Center (TSC), Great Lakes, who come from all parts of the country to start their Navy careers, were able to be a part of that culture at a Chicago Bulls game Jan. 16. The Bulls lost to the Denver Nuggets, 97-94 at the United Center.

Sailors were given the opportunity to purchase tickets to the game, which was held during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, at \$12 a piece. The event was organized in conjunction with Navy Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), Great Lakes. Additionally, the United Services Organization helped subsidize commercial coaches to transport the Sailors to the game.

"Our MWR committee was trying to find different ways to get the students involved in outside activities and provide them with more opportunities to see the city through trips, tours, different sporting events, cultural events and social events," said Lt. Chris Davis, TSC/MWR Officer for staff and students.

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TSC Sailors enjoyed the Chicago Bulls versus Denver Nuggets game Jan. 16 as part of an outing organized by TSC and MWR. More than 300 students were transported by commercial coach to watch the game at the United Center. Photo By Eva Kowalski

Fellowships available to military spouses

MILLINGTON, Tenn. - Military spouses interested in the financial counseling field can apply for one of 200 fellowships being offered for the Accredited Financial Counselor Program. Applicants interested in the program must apply online at www.nmfa.org before the closing date of Feb. 14, 2006.

This program is being offered through the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education (AFCPE), in partnership with the National Military Family Association (NMFA) and the NASD Investor Education Foundation.

"The purpose of this program is to provide 200 military spouses with the education necessary for entry into the financial counseling field," said David DuBois, program manager for Military Career Readiness Programs, Commander Navy Installations (CNI) Command, Washington, D.C.

"The fellowship covers the educational costs of the program, which includes registration, tuition and study materials for the

two courses and one attempt at each of the two exams. This self-study program can take up to 18 months to complete," DuBois added. "Upon successful completion of the educational, testing and experience requirements, the participant will be awarded the Accredited Financial Counselor designation from AFCPE."

Applicants must be current or surviving spouses of active duty or retired Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Army or Air National Guard or reserve component service members.

"This program is unique in that it not only helps military spouses achieve career goals and aspirations by enhancing job-related marketability, it also benefits military family members by enhancing their personal financial management skills," said DuBois.

To apply for the Military Spouse Fellowship for the Accredited Financial Counselor Program, log onto www.nmfa.org and click on the Military

Spouse Fellowship for the Accredited Financial Counselor Program link. Applications will only be accepted online. Applicants should read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document prior to completing the application. Further questions and inquiries may be directed to Lillie Cannon, NMFA program manager, by email at cannon@nmfa.org or by calling (703) 861-3126.

Fellowship recipients will be selected from the pool of applicants by a panel of judges and notified by March 15, 2006. Recipients must commit to completing the training program and either have or will obtain financial counseling experience while pursuing their certificate.

To learn more about Military Spouse Employment, visit the Fleet and Family Support Program Web site at www.ffsp.navy.mil. Additional information is available from Military One Source at www.militaryonesource.com or by calling 1-800-540-4123.

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Center for Naval Engineering holds annual conference

BECC paves the way for the future of training

By EVA KOWALSKI
Training Support Center

As part of the second annual conference held by Center for Naval Engineering (CNE), personnel from different CNE learning sites gathered at Great Lakes January 10 to 12 to preview the future of training with the Basic Engineering Common Core (BECC) School and discuss upcoming training developments.

Capt. Bob Butler, CNE commanding officer, said he chose Great Lakes as the location for the conference so that officer and senior enlisted personnel could see firsthand the effects of the Revolution in Training through the BECC curriculum, which now delivers its theory training in a computer based format.

“BECC has proven to be the way to go ... it has been very successful ... I wanted to show them (training personnel) the great developments taking place out here at Great Lakes,” he added, “this has to a degree been a pilot for the way we’re going to train the rest of the Navy.”

During the three-day event, the 35 personnel in attendance toured the new Computer Based Training (CBT) classrooms as well as the BECC labs.

Butler also held an ALL HANDS call to address any concerns.

“Our next step that we’re tackling right now is the journeyman level training ... we’re going to completely re-engineer the way we train our journeyman engineers and we are going to base it on the way we train our apprentice engineers with CBT, model simulations and labs ... it’s a blended learning solution,” he said.

The first phase of CBT was launched at the BECC School Nov. 28. The BECC curriculum in itself is fairly fresh, having come together slightly over a year ago when the decision was made to eliminate the legacy “A” School system and replace

it with a standardized engineering program for all ratings.

The BECC course covers the basics of engineering at an apprentice level. Down the line, Sailors in engineering ratings are acquainted with further training at the journeyman and master levels.

Butler said CBT implementation at the journeyman and master-training levels will take some time, but based on the results of the BECC curriculum the path for the future of training has been well paved.

“One of the good things about BECC is that it has translated into increased capability of individuals in the fleet. BECC graduates measurably perform better in the fleet than the legacy apprentice graduates,” he explained.

Todd Haynes, Functional Integration Director, defined the success of BECC in metrics, pointing out that the overall average grade is above 90 percent.

“This is not a static course by any stretch of the imagination, it’s under constant improvement and we strive to make it better all the time and we do that by the use of metrics,” he said.

Haynes, who maintains communication with Afloat Training Group (ATG), addressed the attendees during the conference. ATG assesses the readiness of ships, keeping close tab on the performance of BECC students out in the fleet.

“Our approach is proactive rather than reactive...we measure the level of knowledge in BECC on the point zero scale with such granularity it allows us to maintain a really good course of instruction,” commented Butler.

He continued, “It’s a good feedback mechanism to continually enhance the course.”

Cmdr. Don Nuckols CNE, Great Lakes, officer-in-charge, said the conference provided “a real good exchange of ideas” and “another set of eyes” to assess the progress of BECC.

During the visit, Butler commended the efforts of Great Lakes engineering staff.

“The top Sailors of the fleet, the best of the best are here in Great Lakes today teaching our young Sailors. We’re really fortunate, this is an extremely dedicated group of people,” he said.



Facilitator explains pipe patching theory to BECC student during Computer Based Training at Center for Naval Engineering, Great Lakes. Officers and senior enlisted personnel toured the BECC classrooms and labs during the second annual CNE conference Jan. 10 to 12. Photo by Matt Mogle

Computer-based CLEP testing has arrived

By CAROLYN ANDERSON
NavPers Development Command

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) — Navy College offices are assisting Sailors to shorten their paths to a college degree using the new computer-based Electronic College Level Examination Program (ECLEP). Navy College Offices are working with their local providers to bring this testing to sites on and off base, and since the Navy is now requiring Sailors to consider CLEP and Standardized Subject Tests (DSST) wherever

possible, all Sailors are encouraged to use the new ECLEP program.

Jeanne Fleming, director of the Navy College Office at Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville, applauds the new program and the support the Navy is receiving from local colleges around the country who administer the testing.

“Whatever we have needed, they have provided,” she said, referring to Florida Community College Jacksonville (FCCJ). “The FCCJ personnel have acted quickly — See **CLEP** page 3

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“Living here at Great Lakes there’s only so much available to them (TSC students) and we wanted to provide them with something different, just like MWR committees do on ships...they coordinate a lot of different events when ships go overseas,” he

added.

After all, one of the perks of being in the Navy is traveling to different locations, experiencing new cities and absorbing the culture.

“I’m in Chicago, the Windy City, so I

gotta go for the Bulls,” said Fireman Apprentice Mitchell Roberts, 19, from Mocksville, North Carolina, who couldn’t pass up an opportunity to see the game.

“You just can’t beat the deal - the price we paid to see the game and for the bus combined is less than a train ride to Chicago,” he said.

Airman Jeff Pimm, 20, from Gaffney, South Carolina, added, “Seeing the Bulls almost win was worth it.”

The Bulls maintained the lead 91-86 with two minutes left in the game. A Denver three-pointer, followed by two free throws secured a three-point victory for the Nuggets.

The Sailors were immersed in basketball culture at the stadium, which offered entertainment in more forms than basketball itself, including games, cheerleading performances, mime, and comedy routines performed by the Bulls mascot.

At half time, a guest speaker presented a modern day version of Martin Luther King’s ‘I have a dream’ speech, in recognition of the national holiday.

Most of the Sailors had never attended a live National Basketball Association (NBA) game before.

“This was my very first NBA game,” announced John Kocsis, 23, from Royal Oak, Michigan, stepping on the bus after emerging from the swarm of fans heading for the exit at the end of the game.

Fireman Recruit Charles Doughty, 27, from Naples, Florida, said, “Seeing the game live rather than on TV (was better) ... it’s a lot faster.”

He added, “I enjoyed having no commercial breaks.”

Davis said more sport and recreational events would be organized for TSC students in the future.



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AHA Wear Red Day Feb. 3

The Naval Hospital Great Lakes and North Chicago VA Medical Center will host the American Heart Association’s (AHA) Wear Red Day for Heart Health month.

On Friday, Feb. 3, there will be a tea service honoring active-duty women and women veterans from 10 a.m. to noon in room C121 in the North Chicago VA Medical Center, Bldg. 134

Sheila Maliekel, M.D., of the North Chicago VA Section Chief, Primary Care and Jennifer L. Thompson, CHES, Naval Hospital Great Lakes will be guest speakers.

To help plan for supplies and teatime snacks, please RSVP by Jan. 27, 2006 to the Nurse Educator/Case Manager, Nancy Decker at 847-688-6101 ext. 3694.

Correction:

The two-part story on gang members and crime that appeared in the January 6 and 13, 2006, editions of the Great Lakes Bulletin was incorrectly bylined. Victor Fuentes, chief of police for the Great Lakes Police Department, is the author of both stories.

Navy Expeditionary Combat Command stands up

By **JOSN KATRINA SCAMPINI**
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NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) — Naval anti-terrorism and force protection (ATFP) took a step forward Jan. 13, as the Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC) was officially established in a ceremony conducted at their headquarters at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Va.

NECC will consolidate the current missions and functions of the 1st Naval Construction Division, Naval Expeditionary Logistics Support Force and Maritime Force Protection Command. NECC will also serve as functional commander in control of manning, training, equipping and organizing forces that will execute ATFP, shore-based logistical support and construc-

tion missions across the joint operational spectrum.

"I'm proud to work with the men and women who work in expeditionary operations," said Rear Adm. Donald Bullard, NECC's first commander. "They are doing wonderful work for our country."

Between 40,000 and 50,000 Sailors will join the command in phases over the next two years to ensure current operations are not disrupted.

The command will oversee units ranging from bomb-disposal crews, expeditionary logistics specialists, the naval coastal warfare groups and the master-at-arms forces. The NECC will also provide the 5,000 to 7,000 Sailors supporting the Army and Marine Corps in the Middle East with proper training for these non-traditional jobs.

"It's time to recognize the need of the young men and women at war on the dirt," said Bullard.

In addition to the consolidation of forces, NECC will also form a new river combat force to assume maritime security operations in the Iraqi waterways currently being done by the Marine Corps.

"The riverine crew's mission include stemming the flow of illegal drugs, cutting lines of communication for terrorists, stopping pirates and basically making the ports more secure and safe," said Bullard.

According to Bullard, later this year the command will begin to form the first of three squadrons, which are expected to have 12 boats and about 200 personnel. The first squadron is expected to be operational in early 2007.

"As the timeline evolves, this will take a few years. It's an initial growth with people and knowledge," said Bullard.

The NECC aims to work closely, but not compete, with the Marine Corps to support, augment and reduce their operational load.

"The NECC has an ongoing discussion with Marines. Our procedures must be in sync with Marines in order for this to work," said Bullard.

Although NECC operations and equipment requirements are still being defined, Bullard said the command will continue to look for better effective and efficient training and to capitalize on the command's synergies through the different training programs.

"The enemy is always evolving. We need an organization that understands this and can get ahead of them," said Bullard.

Vice Adms. Sullivan and Etnyre discuss Surface Warfare Enterprise

By **NAVSEA OFFICE OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS**

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Vice Adm. Paul E. Sullivan, commander of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), and Vice Adm. Terrance Etnyre, commander of Naval Surface Forces spoke to reporters during a round-table discussion about the Navy's new Surface Warfare Enterprise (SWE) at the Surface Navy Association's (SNA) 18th annual national symposium in Arlington, Va. on Jan. 12.

"Twenty flag officers and senior executives are part of the Surface Warfare Enterprise Board of Directors," said Etnyre. "In effect, I am the Chief Executive Officer, Vice Adm. Sullivan is Chief Operating Officer and Rear Adm. Nowakowski is

Chief Financial Officer. Our resource sponsors, N76 and N75 are part of the Executive Committee."

The SWE was established in November 2005 to integrate all surface warfare stakeholders together in order to provide one voice for policy, waterfront execution and requirements.

The vision of the Surface Warfare Enterprise is to be a responsive, effective and efficient provider for the Navy Enterprise. It is singularly focused on providing warships ready for tasking.

"There is no problem in the Surface Navy that we cannot address in this forum," said Sullivan. "It's all about warfighting readiness at the right cost."

The SWE provides one common strategic vision for the Navy's surface fleet. It

aligns stakeholder organizations from every facet of the surface force together to work toward a common policy. The enterprise establishes a board of directors composed of nearly 20 flag officers and senior executives responsible for the allocation of resources that will come together to communicate regularly and make decisions that will directly impact the surface fleet. These stakeholders will come from the fleet, resource sponsors, acquisition and maintenance communities.

Efficiency and accountability are key objectives of the SWE, and by establishing a common strategic vision, accountability and efficiencies across the enterprise, the organization will reduce the total cost of doing business to help recapitalize the future Navy.

The SWE will be initially organized into three cross-functional teams to begin the discovery process phase to achieve its goals. The Strategic Financial Team will help manage cost effectiveness. The Personnel Readiness Team will work to retain and deliver properly trained personnel to the ships. The Sustainment and Modernization Team will work to ensure material readiness and mission requirements are addressed during the inter-deployment cycles.

The SWE will foster both communication and accountability. As the relationships mature, a disciplined cost control process will begin to develop providing effective combat power while improving efficiency. The end result will be a more aligned, efficient and combat-ready surface Navy.

Dialing in

Yokosuka, Japan - HTFN Dave Norris, sets the pressure of an oxygen tank prior to using an oxyacetylene torch, during the Ship's Restricted Availability (SRA) aboard the conventionally-powered aircraft carrier USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63). SRA is an intensive maintenance period designed to help keep the ship combat ready. Currently in port, Kitty Hawk demonstrates power projection and sea control as the U.S. Navy's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier. *U.S. Navy photo by PHAN Patrick L. Heil*



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and professionally on our request for computer-based testing. They have provided us information for articles and handouts and testing on days and times that are convenient for military personnel."

Computer-based CLEP testing is coming to the Naval Station's new computer technology center located in Life-long Learning Center (Bldg. 617) in the near future. Testing is scheduled for noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays and on one Saturday during the month.

Sailors are encouraged to use the ECLEP testing to translate the knowledge they have gained through life, professional, and military experience into college credits. This will allow Sailors to accelerate degree completion and preserve Tuition Assistance benefits for courses not available through testing programs.

"ECLEP simplifies things considerably," said Maria Rowe, assistant director Navy College Office, Naval Station Norfolk. "Now Sailors can try the practice CLEP exams on Navy Knowledge

Online (NKO) and if they pass, they can contact their local Navy College Offices to take ECLEP examinations and get their results back immediately after testing."

The quick results are also beneficial for Sailors who are planning their future classes.

"I think that having the computerized testing will make it easier for Sailors to plan what they need to schedule for the next year," said Aviation Electricians Mate 1st Class (AW) Bryan Neal after completing an ECLEP test. "The instantaneous grading system is a better tool for us to forecast what we can accomplish over the next season because we don't have to wait four weeks to sign up for our next class."

All 36 CLEP exams available electronically at National Computer-based CLEP testing centers. They can be graded immediately with the exception of the CLEP English Composition essay. The English Composition essay CLEP will be scored twice monthly with the results being mailed to the examinees.

Pier 525 provides high-definition television Club also includes newly renovated bar

By **JUDY R. LAZARUS**
Bulletin Associate Editor

Hi-definition TV has come to Pier 525.

Enhanced picture quality will make viewing sports, movies, and television shows a better-than-ever experience for Great Lakes Sailors, said Jim Horine, club manager.

"Unless you experience high definition TV you won't believe the improved picture quality," Horine said. "The only way to experience the real difference is to come in and see it. The picture quality is dramatically better."

Sailors will be able to view the Super Bowl on high-definition TV Feb. 5.

To be seen in high definition, movies and TV shows must be created in high definition, the manager explained. For live sports events cameras have to record the signal in

high definition format.

The new system is now in place on the eight-foot video wall in Club Nitro and on the 51-inch big screen and the 42-inch plasma television set in the 21-Plus Bar, which has recently been renovated.

New carpeting and flooring, new lighting, and a completely new bar configuration is all part of the renovation project.

The change is more aesthetically pleasing as well as more efficient for the bartender, said Horine. "This way we can provide better and faster service to our customers."

During the club's Super Bowl party, which will begin at 3 p.m. with game time approximately 5 p.m., contests will be held and prizes awarded after each quarter. Giveaways will also be provided throughout the game.

Surface warfare officers to benefit from training alignment

By **LT. SUSAN HENSON**
NAVPERS Development Command

NEWPORT, R.I. (NNS) — Surface Warfare Officer School’s (SWOS) Department Head Class 187 has entered the Tactical Actions Officer phase of the new Department Head Training Alignment. The training is the newest chapter of the school’s Revolution in Training that was initially launched Nov. 28.

At the direction of Commander, Naval Surface Forces, Surface Warfare Officers School developed a phased plan for the alignment of the department head training pipeline. The department head pipeline was examined, and recommendations were made for improvement as part of a Revolution in Training process that began with the Division Officer Course.

The plan, developed in coordination with the Center for Surface Combat Systems (CSCS) and Navy Personnel Command (PERS 41), was briefed to the Surface Warfare Commanders’ Conference and approved by community leadership in April. Funding was identified to support initiation of the plan and work continues to turn it into reality over the next two to three years. The final phase of implementation is expected to begin in December of 2008.

According to Lt. Cmdr. Christopher J. Matuszek, Maritime Warfare Dept Head Course re-alignment lead coordinator, Department Head Alignment accomplishes several things. “First, it aligns the school house with the fleet training organization, so that students are trained to fleet standards in all areas. It also moves the curriculum from a knowledge-based familiarity course to a knowledge- and skills-based proficiency course,” he explained. “It re-arranges the order of pipeline schools so that technical training occurs before tactical training, and it reduces the dead time that used to exist between pipeline schools to achieve greater efficiency. Finally, it provides for student tailoring so that students aren’t required to relearn subjects they demonstrate proficiency in.”

“The plan addresses several perceived deficiencies in the current pipeline, and provides a phased approach to alignment within each school and among the different schools,” said SWOS Commanding Officer Capt. John Christenson. “The most important alignment will be between the schoolhouses and the fleet, and work continues



between SWOS, CSCS, The Surface Warfare Development Group (SWDG), The Afloat Training Group (ATG) and the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) to ensure that pipeline training prepares students for realities in the fleet. The goal is to produce proficient officers, ready to stand the watch and function as department heads immediately upon reporting aboard their ship.”

Every SWO division officer who makes the decision to continue his or her Navy career by signing up to be a department head will be affected by the alignment. “It is our desire that every SWO in the fleet benefit from more capable department heads,” said Matuszek.

Officers who have completed their second Division Officer Tour will attend, in most cases, after they’ve completed their first shore tour at about the four-and-a-half to six-year point in their career. The projected throughput for the Department Head Course is 300 students per year.

According to Christenson, training will be tailored based on students’ demonstrated knowledge and fleet experience. Students will be pre-tested on arrival to determine

advanced placement and remedial study needs, and individual training tracks will be developed to optimize classroom time. This will result in instructors teaching to a higher baseline.

The sequence of the pipeline will shift to a technical-to-tactical concept where combat systems theory and systems technical training occurs first, then application and employment training follows, explained Matuszek.

All students will attend a two-week technical curriculum at CSCS prior to SWOS. This technical curriculum combines the legacy pieces of non-aegis technical curriculum taught today in each of the individual schoolhouses, streamlining it and standardizing quality. In its final phase, the plan includes comprehensive systems training for all ships and combat systems at an appropriate level commensurate with the complexity of the combat system.

“Tomorrow’s DHs will be leading departments with far greater capabilities, but those departments will be manned with fewer people,” he said. “To realize those full capabilities will require Department Heads who report to their commands ready to lead and fight their ships immediately.” Christenson said SWOS is inviting fleet feedback through its Web site located at www.swos.navy.mil.

Warfighting lab grows, reorganizes

By **CPL. JONATHAN AGG**

MARINE CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. — An ancient Chinese proverb says change is like a dragon: you can stand in its way, in which case it will destroy you with its power; you can run from it, in which case it will rapidly overtake you and bury you; or you can jump on its back and let it take you where it will into the future.

The Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory, which adopted the symbol of the dragon at its inception to demonstrate its commitment to an open exploration of change, will put this ethos to the test in the next few years, culminating in a major experiment of the distributed operations concept as part of a ship-to-shore seabased maneuver in 2008.

The Warfighting Lab emerging from the 2005 restructuring of the Marine Corps Combat Development Command as a more streamlined entity, more integrated into the combat development process than ever before while adding an even greater emphasis on providing new capabilities immediately to leathernecks in the fight. In addition to its previous responsibilities, the lab gained the job of developing Marine Corps concepts and concepts of operation.

In addition to its existing five divisions, the Warfighting Lab absorbed three more from the former Expeditionary Force Development Center: Concepts and Plans Division, Joint Concept Development and Experimentation Division (located in Suffolk), and once again joined the Center for Emerging Threats and Opportunities.

James A. Lasswell, Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory technical director, said that under the restructuring the lab is now the front end of the capability development process, consolidating concepts development, wargaming, and experimentation while continuing to focus on assessing new technologies that could support warfighters in current operations.

Laswell said the lab is the combat developer’s “swamp works” — all the assets are in place to quickly take an idea and develop it into a capability.

The Warfighting Lab has been re-imagined several times since its inception. According to Laswell, it was originally intended to serve as an engine of change to explore the implications of the information technology revolution — communications, GPS precision navigation, precision targeting, and highly accurate weapons — and how it could change the way Marines fight. Next came a focus on organizing, training and equipping for urban operations, including the development of a basic urban skills training package, which he said led to a focus on urban training and tactics, techniques and procedures.

Laswell said the lab’s next focus was refining the ship-to-objective maneuver concept, but Operation Iraqi Freedom brought a need to refocus on supporting the technology and training needs of the operating forces.

“What is it going to be next when we come out of Iraq? That is yet to be determined,” said Laswell, “but we anticipate it will be experimenting in 2008 in how the distributed operations concept can be implemented in STOM from the seabase.”

“What we have here at the lab is a think tank that can focus on anything the combat developer thinks is a priority,” said Colonel Doug Jerothe, chief of staff of the Warfighting Lab. “We have the resources, the personnel, and the connectivity to the operating forces — through our liaisons we maintain in I and II MEF command elements — and at ONR and DARPA to develop and idea, experiment with it, and provide a recommended combat development solution that can be based on an assessment that involves the operators. And we can do it fast.”

Lasswell said bringing the Concepts Division under the Warfighting Lab was a logical move that eliminates overlapping the roles of the lab and the former Expeditionary Force Development Center.

“The fact we had a Concepts Division and the Warfighting Lab sometimes created disconnects. Now, we think of the concept, we assess the concept, and then we look at tactics, techniques and procedures — as well as enabling technologies — that are needed to implement the concept, and can provide detailed feedback to the new Combat Development Division at the MCCDC Headquarters,” he said.

The lab will continue to provide the operating forces with a method of screening and assessing new technologies, Laswell said, and he pointed to several recent groundbreaking projects in the areas of combating improvised explosive devices, protective ballistic materials, and unmanned aerial vehicles as examples.

Laswell downplayed the impact of the dissolution of the Warfighting Lab’s Special Purpose Marine Air-Ground Task Force (Experimental) in September, saying that although it was painful to lose the manpower, the organization had not been utilized as it was originally envisioned for several years.

“We only did MAGTF experimentation for a couple of years, and quite frankly the combat developer did not feel that MAGTF command elements were the priority experimentation need,” Laswell said. “When it went away, we lost people, but that just forced us to look at how we do experimentation more effectively and efficiently.”


John Manley, a Warfighting Lab public affairs officer, said the tide of change is helping build the requirements and priorities of the next Marine Corps.

“The lab as an organization is able to redirect its focus as required and as necessary, whether adding structure to take

Concepts Division in and realigning MCCDC, or realigning within. The necessity of the lab in this evolution, being able to help our Marines who are out there — whether in Iraq today or Marines five or 10 years from now — that’s why we’re here, and that’s what we do.”

From the Goat Locker

SEA STORIES



This week:
Naval Station CMDCM James Parlier

“It was my first time with the Marine Corp as a corpsman, Second Marine Division and they had their own little initiations. It wasn’t hazing or anything like that; I was initiated twice by those guys.

“First I had to fly up to Virginia in a big helo, to do mechanized warfare training, and I caught up with my company which was Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine. I had to set up hooch, which is what they call a makeshift tent and they were using poncho liners, and they were getting their laughs, because I didn’t know what the heck I was doing trying to put hooch together. They didn’t know who I was, they just knew that I was the new Doc, and they were watching me. Well, that night I slept out in the open air, no tent, nothing over me. I woke up cold and with dew all over me.

“So, the next day I got to know them a little better, and they said ‘you know Doc, you’ve got to earn your way into our company, and we’re going to do an e-tool initiation.’ An e-tool is like a small shovel. So I asked

what the initiation was and they told me not to worry because I wouldn’t get hurt or anything like that. So they said I had to take off my cover and that they would have to blindfold me.

“In those days we still used canned food, not like they have it now in those little plastic bags. So what they did was take the top of the can, just the round little top and they bent and locked the e-tool in a 90-degree angle. So, I’m holding it by the handle to hit this little round lid that was on the ground. Keep in mind that I was blind folded and I’m trying to hit this thing that I couldn’t see with the edge of this e-tool. They kept on saying things like ‘C’mon Doc, you’re almost there, you’re missing it, keep going — keep going.’ And they’re all laughing and I was thinking ‘what the heck, why are they laughing?’

“What they had done was take the can top away and put my cover there. And when they took my blindfold off I looked down and there was my cover — full of holes.

If you are a chief petty officer — active duty, reservist or retired — and and would like to contribute to “Sea Stories,” call the Bulletin staff at 847-688-4800 and we’ll be happy to talk with you. - Ed.



Coast Guard PO3 Sean Campbell, from Winthrop, Mass., mans a M-240 machine gun aboard a rigid hull inflatable boat as the conventionally-powered aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) transited into port. The Mayport, Fla., based carrier is visiting Boston in support of Armed Forces Day. *U.S. Coast Guard photo by PA3 Lisa Hennings*

CNO calls for closer Navy, Coast Guard teamwork

By **CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Next to the close relationship the Navy shares with the Marine Corps, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Adm. Mike Mullen said he considers the Navy's continuing partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard as the "single most critical relationship we can possibly have when it comes to securing the maritime domain," during his speech at the 18th Annual Surface Navy Association National Symposium Jan. 10.

"We talk a lot about the Navy-Marine Corps Team, and we should," Mullen told the audience. "But we are also going to start talking about the Navy-Coast Guard Team."

He said that the two services have worked well together recently, particularly on intercept and drug smuggling operations, and have improved maritime domain awareness with the establishment of the Maritime Intelligence

Fusion Center in Norfolk, Va., and Alameda, Calif.

"But we must do more, the stakes are very, very high," CNO stressed. "We must bring together our multimission assets, personnel resources and shore command and control nodes to enhance security of our ports, coastal approaches, rivers and waterways - the entire maritime domain."

Mullen acknowledged that neither service desires to take over the other's missions. "Clearly there must be a line between us," he said. "But it better be a line we can look over, a soft line."

Referring to the new National Strategy for Maritime Security, CNO stressed that teamwork and cooperation are critical.

"As far as I'm concerned, that cooperation has to start with the Navy-Marine Corps Team and," he emphasized, "the Navy-Coast Guard team."

"Teamwork is a requirement."

NAVSTA begins random seatbelt checks

By **LAUREL JACOBS**
Bulletin Associate Editor

Naval Station Great Lakes has started random checks to determine how many vehicles entering through the gates are adhering to seatbelt laws.

The first survey taken at the hospital gate last week, showed disappointing results; 22 percent of the 156 drivers inspected were not wearing seatbelts and therefore not in compliance with the Illinois and NAVSTA regulations.

"Twenty-two percent is way too high," said Cmdr. Hank P. Roux, Jr., NAVSTA

executive officer.

During the first 13 days of this fiscal year, there have been 13 private-motor vehicle (PMV) and seven motorcycle crashes Navy wide, resulting in eight Navy and six Marine deaths.

A Commander, Naval Safety Center message, ALSAFE 89/05, said, "These numbers are staggering and unacceptable. We must do better and will. All hands must immediately redouble their efforts to prevent further PMV and motorcycle mishaps and make stopping these senseless deaths a command priority."

Honormen, Award Winners at the Recruit Graduation Review



SR Jordan Wenzel,
Lena, Wis.
The NSSAR Academic Excellence Award

The following Honor Recruits for this week's Recruit Review graduation ceremony will be presented with a Statuette of the Lone Sailor by the Fleet Reserve Association:

- SR Rjay, Harsh, Division 057, Coleman, Mich.
- SR Jeffery Estaban, Division 058, San Diego, Calif.
- SR Natasha Thomas, Division 059, Columbus, Ohio
- SR Charles Wentworth, Division 060, Madison, Wisc.
- SR Adam Crawford, Division 909, Necopeck, Penn.

The Recruit Chief Petty Officers for this week's Recruit Review graduation is as follows:

- SR Christopher, Thomas, Division 057, Van Nuys, Calif.
- SR Allen Hough, Division 058, Tampa, Fla.
- SR Tyler Cox, Division 059, Richmond, Va.
- SR Kate Greifzu, Division 060, Sewell, N.J.
- SR Matthew Miller, Division 909, Atlanta, Ga.

The following Award Recipients are as follows:



SR Charese Spaw,
San Antonio, Texas
Navy League Award



SR Christopher Thomas,
Van Nuys, Calif.
United Services Organization Shipmate Award



SR Matthew Galvin,
Albany, N.Y.
The Military Order of the World Wars Award of Merit



SR Tyler Cox,
Richmond, Va.
Military Officers Association of America Leadership Award



SR Tyler Jones,
Atlanta, Ga.
Navy Club of the United States Military Excellence Award

Viewpoint

Readers Speak Out

This week the *Bulletin* asks its readers, “If you could go back in time to witness any invention or discovery, what would you choose to see?”



"I would have wanted to go back to the time of the invention of the boiler. The trip would have made me a better engineer."

MM2 Matthew Bonham



"I would like to see the first atom bomb being built. Nuclear power has revolutionized the world."

MA3 Michael Mitchell



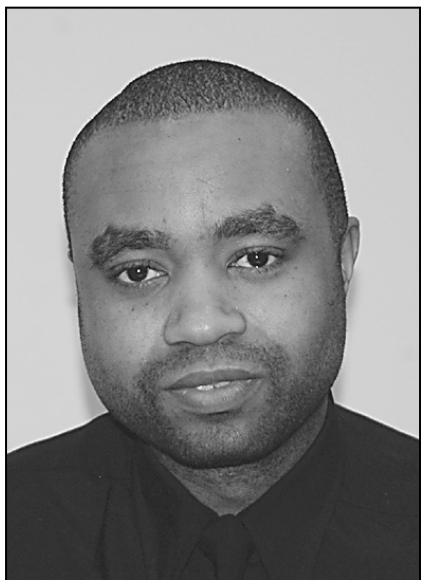
"I'd like to see Ben Franklin shocked when he flew his kite and discovered electricity."

MA2 Christopher Uutela



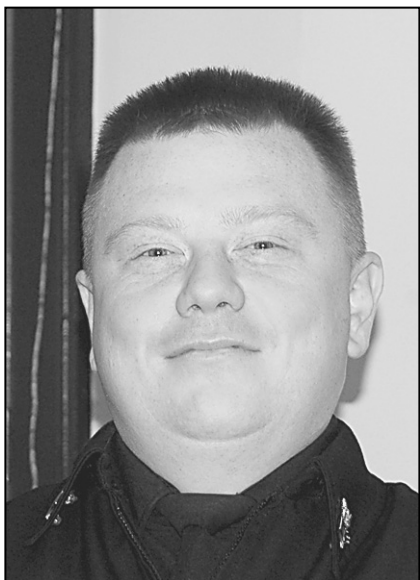
"The computer. I've seen it develop, but I'd like to see how it began."

YN2 Sheba Ratliff



"Invention of the first time-keeping device."

GSM3(SW) Johnnie Beard



"Invention of paper."
CS1(SW) Tomasz Kulikowski

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Stop by or call at (847) 688-6830 to see how you can make a difference.

WHAT happened WHEN

A look back at historic Great Lakes

40 years ago
ET "A" advanced courses

The Great Lakes Naval Training Center Electronics Technician "A" School is initiating a program in which its students can attain greater knowledge and experience in the field of electronics and equipment maintenance. Called the Selective Electronics (SET), it offers ET students who qualify an additional 28 weeks of training in ET 'A' School and guarantees them a seat in an advanced course at ET 'C' School.

20 years ago SSC schedules blood drive

The Great Lakes Service School Command, in cooperation with the American Red Cross, is holding a blood drive Jan. 28 and 29 in the Helm Club from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Locally, of the persons eligible to donate blood, only three percent do. Maintaining a safe and adequate supply of blood in the community is the responsibility of each and every individual in the community. The Red Cross believes that blood should be made available to anyone anywhere.

**30 years ago
Prayer Breakfast set**

Naval Base Great Lakes will locally observe the National Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 a.m. in the CPO section of Galley 535. Military personnel, command wives, ombudsmen, and civilians in supervisory positions attached to the Naval Base are invited to attend. Local civic leaders will be invited to join in a mutual expression of faith and religious values inherent in the American way of life.

10 years ago
New ATMs at GLakes

RTC Great Lakes Credit Union (GLCU) has installed two automated teller machines (ATMs). The ATMs are located at the RTC Visitors Center, Bldg. 1313, and the Navy Exchange, Bldg. 111. The Visitors Center ATM will provide cash withdrawals, transfers, and balances. The Navy Exchange ATM will also provide cash withdrawals, transfers and balances as well as mini-statement printouts.

Buildings on Base

Twice a month the *Great Lakes Bulletin* will offer a glimpse of various building throughout the base.

Are you familiar with this one?



Document Automation and Production Services, Bldg. 2A

Information, Tickets & Travel

Building 400, 688-3537

Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) Bldg. 400, 688-3537

Hours of Operation: Mon.-Fri.: 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sat.: 10 a.m.-Noon; Sun. & Holidays: Closed

Tickets available through the ITT Office include Metra, the Hancock Building, Medieval Times, Spirit of Chicago, Walt Disney World, Universal Studios and much more!

MWR Offers FREE Chicago Wolves Hockey Game Tickets!

For the fourth straight year, the Chicago Wolves and the MWR Department are offering 100 FREE tickets to each and every home game at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, IL. All eligible MWR customers may stop by the ITT Office to sign-up (at least two days prior to the game of choice) to receive a voucher (good for up to four tickets) for any home game per month (additional tickets are permitted if availability exists). Customers must present the voucher at the Arena's VIP ticket window on the day of the game to receive their FREE tickets. Sign-up at least two days prior to the game of choice...

January Schedule: Jan. 21; 7 p.m. vs. MIL; Jan. 22, 4 p.m. vs. HOU.

LEISURE TRAVEL OFFERS including Discount Cruises...

For duty station personnel, Fox World / American Express* will be available to provide travel assistance throughout the year for everything from emergency trips home to off-duty vacations and dependant travel. Military discounts are available on a number of tours, cruises and packaged vacations. Local contact is 847-234-5877 or 877-805-9157 outside Illinois; they can also be found on the web at www.gofox.com.

Of special interest will be Fox World's cruise offerings which will include military rates on Carnival as well as other lines. They are in the process of establishing a schedule to have an agent on duty at the ITT Office to book this travel, and answer all questions.

Entertainment Books

Ask about ITT's Chicago North Entertainment books! Only \$30 per book saves you bundles at area restaurants and gets you deals on movies, shopping, theaters and much more!

Stop by the ITT Office for information on Amtrak Services!

Ace Rent-a-car O'Hare Valet Parking...

\$12/day valet (right off Manheim Road). Buy three days and get the fourth day free! They shuttle you to your terminal and pick-you up! Call the ITT Office for full details.

Commemorative Bricks

Etch your name in Great Lakes' history by purchasing a Commemorative Brick, available through the ITT Office. Bricks will be placed around the walkway to graduation at the Recruit Training Command. For more details, and/or to fill out an order form, stop by the ITT Office today!

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Chicago Downtown

Now serving Great Lakes with discounted rates from \$79/Night (King or 2 Double beds). Located on Harrison St. at Canal St., 4 blocks south of the METRA Kenosha North Line stop and 2 blocks from Amtrak/Union Station, Greyhound Terminal, and Scarlett's. Hotel features an outdoor rooftop pool & deck and Aurelio's Pizza & Lounge. Sears Tower, Greek Town, Grant Park, the Museum Campus, and the Lakefront are all minutes away. Clinton "L" stop of the CTA Blue Line is located at the base of the hotel. Offer subject to availability. Stop by the ITT Office for additional information or visit www.hiddowntown.com. For advance reservations call 312-957-9100 and ask for the NAVY rate.

Need a weekend get-away?

\$44.99 per night (double occupancy) at Extended Stay Hotels is offering special military rates for Extended Stay America - Vernon Hills, Homestead Studio Suites -Vernon Hills and Crossland - Waukegan for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday nights. Whether you choose Extended Stay America, Homestead Studio Suites, or Crossland you can make yourself at home in our studio suites with fully equipped kitchens. In addition, all local phone calls are free and each hotel is pet friendly. Onsite guest laundry facilities are available 24 hours, daily.

Relax and enjoy the weekend at our hotels centrally located in Lake County off I-94 and minutes away from nearby shopping at Hawthorn Mall or Gurnee Mills, restaurants, golf courses, and movie theatres. Special military rates are also available for longer term stays over seven nights. Stop by the ITT Office for additional information or visit www.ExtendedStayHotels.com. For advance reservations call: ESA Vernon Hills (847-821-7101), Homestead Studio Suites Vernon Hills (847-955-1111) or Crossland Waukegan (847-688-0402).

Laugh a lot at ComedySportz in Chicago

Finally, a fun, fast-paced comedy show that's great for the whole family. It's ComedySportz, improvisational comedy played as a sport by members of the World Comedy League. Two teams battle for laughs and points as they make up scenes, games and songs on the spot. The audience votes for the winners, a referee calls the fouls and

they even play the national anthem before each match. Get your tickets today at ITT for only \$15.

Spirit of Chicago Harbor Cruises!

Enjoy either a dinner or a lunch cruise with a grand buffet, dancing, Broadway music and the sights of Chicago!

Rinkside Sports Fun Passes!

ITT offers Rinkside Sports Fun Passes for only \$12, located in Gurnee Mills Mall. The Fun Pass includes a \$5 Fun Card to be used for video games, one admission to the Ice Skating Arena, one skate rental, one laser tag game, one free slice of cheese pizza and a small soda (a \$25 value). Use the Fun Passes to host your child's next birthday party!

Metra Tickets

ITT has METRA commuter train tickets on sale! The cost is \$4.50 for a round trip ticket, or \$2.25 for a one-way ticket from North Chicago to downtown Chicago, a savings of over 50% off the regular ticket price. Avoid the stress of driving and high parking fees. Let METRA take you on a one-hour leisurely train ride downtown to experience some of the best restaurants, theatres, museums and entertainment Chicago has to offer! These METRA tickets are available to Active Duty Military, only.

Ask about ITT's Chicago CityPass!

Visit six attractions at one low price with no ticket lines: The Art Institute of Chicago, The Field Museum, The Museum of Science and Industry, The Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum, The Shedd Aquarium and Oceanarium VIP and The Hancock Observatory! \$47-Adult and \$38-Child ages 3-11.

Tickets on sale at ITT...

Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament! Adult-\$47, Child-\$35. Experience a night of jousting, sword fighting and feasting at this extraordinary dinner tournament! Buy ITT tickets and go to the head of the line...

The Hancock Observatory takes you to the top-and one step beyond!

The Hancock Observatory, in the heart of Chicago's Magnificent Mile, gives you a one-stop tour of Chicago... Step out into the wild blue on "Skywalk," Chicago's only open-air viewing deck! Best of all, experience Chicago's finest views, spanning 80 miles, 4 states and 360 degrees! ITT Hancock Observatory Admission Fees: \$8.00-Adult; \$5.50-Child. The Hancock Observatory is located at 875 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611

★ ROSS ★ THEATER

Movies: \$2-Adult (Military or DOD)

\$1-Child (ages 6-11), Free-Under age 6

Ross Theater is located in Bldg. 110 and is open to everyone. Children 17 years of age and under trying to gain access to a "R-Rated" movie must be accompanied by an adult.

GREAT MOVIES AT A GREAT PRICE!

Fri., Jan. 20
6 p.m.



shopgirl

R-For some sexual content and brief language. (107 Min.)

Fri., Jan. 20
8:30 p.m.



WALK THE LINE

PG 13-For some language, thematic material and depiction of drug dependency. (135 Min.)

Sat., Jan. 21
6 p.m.



PRIDE & PREJUDICE

PG-For some mild thematic elements. (128 Min.)

Sat., Jan. 21
8:30 p.m.



SYRIANA

R-For violence and language. (126 Min.)

Sun., Jan. 22
3:30 p.m.



The Chronicles of
NARNIA
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

PG-For battle sequences and frightening moments. (132 Min.)

Sun., Jan. 22
6 p.m.



JARHEAD

R-For pervasive language, some violent images, and strong sexual content. (113 Min.)

The movie schedule is subject to change without notice.

For up-to-date information,
call the MWR Scoop Line at 688-2110, ext. 697,

24 hours-a-day or check the web site at

www.mwrgl.com



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Naval Station

GREAT LAKES



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Chaplain's Corner



Finding the right person to listen to

By LT. CMDR. RUSSELL GRAEF
Chaplain Corps, USN

A few holidays ago I was driving with my family to visit relatives. The area was not very familiar to me and I was not really sure about how to get there. My wife (who characteristically shows a lot more common sense than I do) suggested that we pull over and ask for directions. But my over-confident self prevailed and I drove on, firmly believing that I could find this place on my own.

The kids in the back seat started asking, "Are we lost?" An awkward question indeed! If I told them No, I'd be lying. If I told them Yes, I'd be admitting that I was wrong and should have listened to my wife. As the miles clicked by it became more and more clear that my wife had been right all along. When we finally came to a road sign that proved we were going in the wrong direction, I had to admit that I should have listened to my wife all along. My wife was kind enough not to gloat.

One of the secrets of life is to know whom to listen to. There are a lot of voices in this world that will steer us the wrong way. Some of those voices only lead to mild embarrassment (I have recovered from the humiliation of going in the wrong direction that day on the highway). But there are voices that have a longer lasting and more painful affect; voices that tell us that we are no good, or that we will never amount to anything, or that there's no difference between right and wrong, or that we are going to fail anyway so there's no use giving it our best effort. Those are the voices we need to ignore.

We need to know what voices to listen to

and what voices not to listen to. The great philosopher, Aristotle, once said, "Find a wise man and wear down his doorstep." He was talking about listening to the right voice. Wise people encourage us and motivate us. They help us to know the truth about ourselves with respect and kindness. They accept us for who we are and lead us to become the best we can be. They help us to discover the direction and purpose we want in life.

Finding a wise man can be hard enough. But listening to him could be even harder, not so much because we cannot understand him, but rather because (if we really believed what he had to say) his words would challenge us to stretch ourselves, to reach further than we think we could, to push ourselves beyond what we have grown comfortable with. Of course, it is always possible to just not listen and keep driving in the same direction, even though we know we should turn around.

Wisdom puts us under an obligation. Wisdom calls us to humble ourselves. Wisdom calls us to have faith that there is something (and Someone) that gives our lives direction and purpose. Dare we listen?

In Psalm 85:5, King David tells us, "Let me hear what the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people." David listened to the One who is wise. It brought him something he could find nowhere else. It brought him peace. Like the shepherd's voice brings calm to the sheep, our Lord's voice brought calm to David. It still does for all who listen to his voice with open hearts. Our lives may be full of turmoil. But as we wear down our Lord's doorstep and listen to his voice we will know his peace.



Good wishes

BM2 William N. Hill, assigned to the amphibious transport dock ship USS San Antonio (LPD 17) shows a young patient a photograph of the ship. Sailors from the San Antonio visited patients at Driscoll Children's Hospital in Corpus Christi during a community relations project. U.S. Navy photo by JOSA Charles A. Ordoqui

Navy Log offered free to Sea Service members, veterans

SPECIAL FROM THE U.S. NAVY MEMORIAL

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Now through the end of July 2006, all members and veterans of the Sea Services – active duty and reservists – are able to enroll in the U.S. Navy Memorial's Navy Log without charge and without any obligation.

The U.S. Navy Memorial, located on Pennsylvania Avenue, in Washington, D.C., is a national memorial that honors those who served, and are serving, in America's Sea Services – Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine, but the heart of the U.S. Navy Memorial is the Navy Log.

"The Navy Log is the heart and soul of the Navy Memorial because it represents people not hardware," said Retired Master Chief Navy Counselor (SW) David Michael, the director of the Navy Log. "Their the backbone of the Navy. The Navy is people, not ships and aircraft."

The Navy Log is the permanent public registry where Sea Service members and veterans can record their service information – name, duty stations, awards, photos and memories. Family members and friends can record service information for veterans who are deceased or those who are unable to record their own information.

The Navy Log may be viewed at the U.S. Navy Memorial, or via the Internet at www.lonesailor.org. The goal of the Memorial is to record the service history of all eligible uniformed individuals and veterans.

"The real reason to enroll in the Navy Log is to show Navy pride and to record your service for history," said Michael.

To enroll your information or to enroll family members simply enter the appropriate information at www.lonesailor.org. If you have any questions, please contact the Navy Log Department of the U.S. Navy Memorial, at 1-800-NAVY LOG (1-800-628-9564).

Worship today in the faith of your choice

Just for a grin ...

An old Submarine Navy chief and an old Marine gunny were sitting at the VFW arguing about who'd had the tougher career.

"I did 30 years in the Corps," the Marine declared proudly, "and fought in three of my country's wars. Fresh out of boot camp I hit the beach at Okinawa, clawed my way up the blood-soaked sand, and eventually took out an entire enemy machine gun nest with a single grenade."

"As a sergeant, I fought in Korea alongside Chesty Puller, pushed the enemy inch by bloody inch all the way up

to the Chinese border, always under a barrage of artillery and small arms fire.

"Finally, as a gunny sergeant, I did three consecutive combat tours in Vietnam. We humped through the mud and razor grass for 14 hours a day, plagued by rain and mosquitoes, ducking under sniper fire by day and mortar fire all night. In a firefight, we'd fire until our arms ached and our guns were empty, then we charge the enemy with bayonets."

"Ah," said the Navy chief with a dismissive wave of his hand. "Lucky son-of-a-gun, all shore duty, huh?"

Command Religious Program Schedule

Catholic

Sun., 9 a.m. Sunday MassBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Sun., 10:30 a.m. Sunday MassNaval Hospital All Faiths Chapel
Sun., Noon Sunday MassForrestal Village Chapel
Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m. Weekday MassBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Sun., 10:15-11:30 a.m. CCDBldg. 122
Sun, 10:15 a.m. Adult EducationBluejacket Memorial Chapel

Protestant

Wed., Noon Praise, Word and WorshipNaval Hospital All Faiths Chapel
Sun., 10:30 a.m. Protestant WorshipBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Sun., 10 a.m. Family Worship ServiceForrestal Village Chapel

Full Gospel Service (Pentecostal)

Sun., 10:15 a.m. Sunday School adult & childrenBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Sun., 11:45 a.m. Morning WorshipBluejacket Memorial Chapel

Wed., 7 p.m. Bible Study, adult & childrenBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Mon., 7 p.m. First Monday of month Bible Study/Fellowship, Men & WomensBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Fri., 7 p.m. First Friday of month Youth Victory Service ..Bluejacket Memorial Chapel

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sun., 1:30 p.m.Naval Hospital All Faiths Chapel

Chapels

- Bluejacket Memorial Chapel - Bldg. 3, NTC
- Forrestal Village Chapel - Bldg. 2630, Ohio St., Forrestal Village
- Naval Hospital All Faiths Chapel, Wing 2 South
- For More Information about any of the services or events listed in this schedule, call 688-5610

Great Lakes chaplains are happy to help you find a place of worship according to your tradition and needs.

SportScene

Don't hibernate: enjoy the winter scene with forest preserve programs

Don't hibernate this winter. Bundle up, view the winter landscape, and take a look at the critters who rough it in the outdoors during the winter.

Join the Lake County Forest Preserves for winter programs throughout January and February. The programs are open to all ages and are fun and educational for both youth and adults. Pre-registration is required for the programs. To view program descriptions and register online, visit www.LCFPD.org via the "Calendar of Events" listing. To register by phone, call 847-968-3321. Join the Forest Preserves for the first program, Why Winter, and learn just what winter is and why we have it. Why Winter will be offered Saturday, January 21 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Old School Forest Preserve near Libertyville. Cost is \$7 (\$5 for Lake County residents) per person. Old School is located on St. Mary's Road between Route 137 and Route 60.

Then sign on for some outdoor observation of Lake County critters who remain here during the winter months with Winter Adaptations of Wildlife. The program is offered at Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserve near Lake Forest on Sunday, January 29 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Cost is \$7 (\$5 for Lake County residents) per person. Middlefork Savanna is located on

Middlefork Drive off of Waukegan Road between Routes 176 and 60.

In February join the Forest Preserves (and empathize with the animals) with Should I Stay or Go? Take a look at the survival adaptations of hibernation and migration and learn how animals know when it's time and how it's done. The program is offered Saturday, February 18 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Rollins Savanna Forest Preserve near Grayslake. Cost is \$7 (\$5 for Lake County residents) per person. Rollins Savanna is located on Washington Street between Route 45 and Atkinson Road.

Round out the winter months with Footprints in the Snow for some off trail hiking to discover the signs that animals leave in the winter. Footprints in the Snow will be offered Sunday, February 26 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Almond Marsh Forest Preserve near Grayslake. Cost is \$7 (\$5 for Lake County residents) per person. For the program, meet at the entrance to Almond Marsh located on Almond Road between Route 120 (Belvidere Road) and Casey Road.

For additional information on these and other Forest Preserve programs, call 847-367-6640 and request a free copy of the Horizons quarterly newsletter or visit online at www.LCFPD.org.

Rynish Bowling Center (RBC)

Bldg. 180, 688-5612

Free Lunchtime Bowling

11 a.m.-1 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday.

Monday Special

RBC's Monday \$1 Bowling! All day! Bowling - \$1 per game!

Tuesday Specials

\$1 tacos at Parcheezi's! \$2 per game and \$1 shoe rental from 5 p.m.-close.

Wednesday Specials

Bowl two games - get the third game free from 5 p.m.-close.

Thursday Specials

\$2 per game and \$1 shoe rental from

5 p.m.-close.

Friday and Saturday Specials

Planet Bowl - Glow in the dark bowling from 9 p.m. - midnight: adults; \$12 /child (16 & under) \$10.

Family Bowling Special!

Sunday-Thursday -\$22 per lane (up to six people) -Two hours of bowling, one 16" one-topping pizza, and one pitcher of soda (shoes extra).

Hours of Operation: Sunday 3-10 p.m. Monday 5-10 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday 11 a.m.-midnight.



New electronic scoring at Rynish

A new automatic scoring system adds to the enjoyment of bowlers at Rynish Bowling Center. Names are entered on keypads, shown at lower front of photo, while scores and various events and advertisements are listed on video screens above. Photo by Judy R. Lazarus

Great Lakes Fitness Center

Bldg. 2A, 688-5649

The Great Lakes Fitness Center is a complete, state-of-the-art health and fitness center. Special features of the Center include a "Weight Room" area that boasts over 75 weight machines, 4,500 pounds of weight plates, as well as Body Master plate-load equipment. The "Cardio Room" includes Treadmills, Crosstrainers (Ellipticals), Lifecycles, Stepmills and more - complimented by personal screen televisions for viewing pleasure while working out. An Aerobics and Spin Studio offer various group exercise classes.

Massage Therapy is available during the week and appointments can be made at the Front Desk. Plus, saunas, and locker and towel services are available. The Naval Hospital Health Promotion Office is also located in the Great Lakes Fitness Center.

The Great Lakes Fitness Center has "New Extended Hours!" Mon.-Thurs; 5 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Fri.; 5 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat.; 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. For holiday hours - a sign will be posted at the Center.

Massage Therapist ...

Sports Massage, Swedish Massage, Therapeutic Massage and "New" Hot/Cold Stone Massage! Make an appointment with our Massage Therapist today! Stop in for a 5-minute "Chair Massage-Tune-Up" (when Therapist is open) on Monday and Wednesday, 3-6 p.m. and Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. "New" Saturday appointments are now available by paid appointments, ONLY. (See front desk for further information). Call the Great Lakes Fitness Center at 688-5649 to make an appointment today!

Aerobics Classes

Aerobics fees apply for all classes unless otherwise specified. All eligible gym customers are welcome. Classes are subject to change without notice. All classes take place in the Aerobics/Spin Studio at the Great Lakes Fitness Center. Step: Tues. & Thurs.; 11:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Spin Classes take place in the Fitness Center's Spinning Studio. Advance sign-ups are recommended for this program. Mon., Wed. & Fri.; 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mon. & Wed.; 4:30-5:15 p.m. Yoga Tues. & Thurs.; 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Automotive Skills Center (ASC)

Bldg. 2110 in Forrestal Village, 688-2457

This winter bring your car in to ASC for a "tune-up!" The ASC has the space, tools, equipment and technical assistance for people to make their own car repairs. This heated facility contains 14 repair stalls, 11 over-haul stalls, three lubrication racks, two self-service car wash stalls, a computerized engine systems analyzer, computer wheel balancing, disc and drum brake resurfacing and electric and gas welding. In addition, the center provides free technical information from the Alldata Automotive Information Programs on DVD from 1982 to present.

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The ASC has partnered up with the Optimum Dent Removal Company providing a paint less dent repair service. Please call the ASC for further details.

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James Monroe: President and Revolutionary War hero

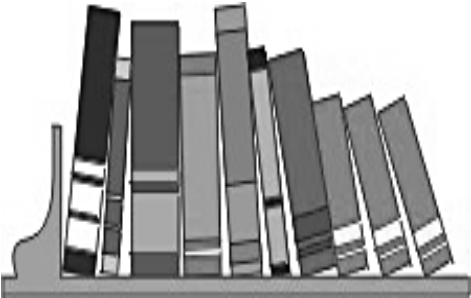
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150 pages, 2005.

The Henry Holt Publishing Company produces the American President Series edited by the Pulitzer Prize winning American historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. This series brings together preeminent historians, politicians and political commentators to write short biographies of the 43 individuals who have occupied the office of President of the United States. The latest in this series was written by former Colorado Senator Gary Hart and offers a fresh perspective and biography of the fifth President James Monroe.

Monroe was to become the last President to have served in the revolutionary wars. Unlike Alexander Hamilton who ingratiated himself to George Washington, Monroe was a true warrior having demonstrated his heroism at the Battle of Trenton (1776) and fighting in the American Revolutionary War from 1776 to 1781. He was respectful of Washington's rank but never deferential and this would later lead to confrontations between Washington and Monroe both Virginians over the course of American policy and alliances with France or neutrality with Britain.



Monroe would occupy the presidency from 1817 to 1825, and he is remembered for the infamous doctrine that bears his name and stipulates that no foreign power shall meddle in the affairs of the American hemisphere, and will therefore be free of foreign intrigue and intervention. Senator Hart takes his readers to understand the events that shaped Monroe to become our nation's first President to institute the early beginnings of a national security apparatus and doctrine. Had Monroe never ascended to the Presidency he would be remembered as a revolutionary war hero, and chief negotiator of the 1803 Louisiana Purchase that expanded America beyond the Mississippi River. Take time to read this series that offers short and incisive biographies of America's chief executives.

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Joint Navy-Marine EOD team destroys IEDs in place

By GUNNERY SGT. KEITH A. MILKS

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HIT, Iraq (Jan. 11, 2006) — From his vantage point in the front passenger seat of his armored Humvee, Sgt. Ernest Twigg keeps his head on a swivel. Leaning forward on the thinly-padded seat, his head is in constant motion as he scours the roadway ahead for anything out of the ordinary.

Such vigilance is well worth the effort. Only days earlier, Twigg and his fellow infantrymen in the Combined Anti-Armor Team of Battalion Landing Team 1st Bn., 2nd Marine Regiment, came upon a patch of suspicious roadway and upon investigation, discovered a large artillery shell planted as a roadside bomb.

"It was rigged to blow as a vehicle passed beside it," said the 27-year-old Cocoa Beach, Fla. native, who reentered the Marine Corps in 2004 after a four-year hiatus following his first enlistment. "This is what we're constantly dealing with."

Twigg's daily patrols to secure the volatile highways of roads of Iraq's Al Anbar province are part of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable)'s ongoing counterinsurgency efforts in the region, and are fraught with danger.

In early January, a section of CAAT vehicles accompanied a platoon from BLT 1/2's A Company on a patrol near Forward Operating Base Hit, and was able to land a one-two punch on the insurgents plaguing Iraq's highways.

"Every once in a while we'll dismount and walk alongside the vehicles," said Twigg as he shouldered his M-4 carbine and began walking along the road's shoulder as his Humvee kept pace. "We do this so we can get a better, more detailed look than if we were driving. By walking we get better [situational awareness]."

No sooner had Twigg explained himself than the column of vehicles and Marines came to a screeching halt. Further ahead, the point element had discovered a suspicious pile of

rocks and concrete covering an IED. Immediately establishing a defensive cordon around the site, the patrol leader, 2nd Lt. Davis Gooding Jr., called for Explosive Ordnance Disposal.

"We'll bring EOD up to deal with it," explained the Henrico, Va., native. "Until then we'll maintain a perimeter around the IED to keep ourselves and the locals safe."

While waiting for the EOD technicians to arrive, the Marines in the patrol kept a vigilant eye to the surrounding terrain, and after a few minutes, noticed a pair of men across the nearby Euphrates River acting suspiciously near another road.

"We kept them under observation for a while then determined they were planting another IED," said Gooding.

Using high power scopes and binoculars, the Marines correctly determined the pair's intent and engaged them, killing both just as EOD arrived on the scene.

Working with time-honed expertise, the joint Navy-Marine EOD team destroyed the IED in place. Meanwhile, elements of the patrol jumped aboard a CH-46E Sea Knight from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 261 (Reinforced), the MEU's aviation combat element, to get a closer look at the bomb placement site across the river.

"There was a shovel and stack of rockets near the men," said Gooding, who examined the scene, "so we were able to stop them just in time."

After the engagement and the IED was destroyed, the patrol continued its mission, knowing that danger lurks around every corner.

"We just had some successes," said Twigg, commenting on the IED discovery and destruction of the insurgent IED team, "but we always have to be on alert and they (the insurgents) have to know we'll be ready for them."

In addition to BLT 1/2 and HMM-261 (Rein), the 22nd MEU (SOC) consists of its Command Element and MEU Service Support Group 22, and is in Iraq working with the 2nd Marine Division.



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Columbia College extends scholarship to 30 campuses nationwide

Columbia College, a member of the Naval Station's Navy College Office, will join 29 other Columbia College extended campuses in awarding a \$500 scholarship in honor of Frank S. Westling who was a former dean of the college's Extended Studies Division. The scholarship will be awarded to one eligible student at each campus in May 2006.

To qualify for the Westling award, students must:

- Complete a scholarship application
- Pursue degree completion with Columbia College
- Have a minimum Columbia College GPA of 3.0
- Attend during the 2006-07 academic year
- Have residency of at least 15 hours with Columbia College
- Have a history of leadership and service to their community, school or country
- Write a 400-500 word essay on their achievements and career goals

• Apply by March 15, 2006

"Columbia College is proud to offer this scholarship to every campus nationwide," said Mike Randerson, Columbia College vice president for Adult Higher Education. "Frank Westling was instrumental in establishing the adult higher education division as a vital part of the institution, and he would be pleased to know the scholarship is helping to fulfill the educational goals of students at each of the college's 30 locations."

Prior to joining the college, Westling served in the U.S. Army for 31 years and retired as a colonel. He was a highly decorated infantry soldier and was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal and Silver Star.

Interested students must submit their information to their campus office no later than March 15, 2006, and the scholarship will be awarded in May. It is a nonrenewable scholarship and will be awarded to a new student each year.



Marines from Battalion Landing Team 1st Bn., 2nd Marines, the ground combat element of the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) use their binoculars and rifle scopes to examine the area surrounding a discovered improvised explosive device (IED) during a motorized patrol near Forward Operating Base Hit, Iraq. The discovery, and later destruction of an insurgent bomb placement team spotted by the Marines, was part of the MEU's ongoing counterinsurgency operations in Iraq's Al Anbar province with the 2nd Marine Division. *Photo by: Gunnery Sgt. Keith A. Milks*



USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) departed San Diego Jan. 4 on a deployment to conduct naval operations in support of the Global War on Terrorism, as well as national and theater cooperative security commitments in the western Pacific. This will be the maiden deployment for the Navy’s newest Nimitz-class nuclear powered aircraft carrier.

“During both COMPTUEX and JTFEX, Ronald Reagan and CVW-14 proved to be a formidable fighting force,” said Rear Adm. Michael H. Miller, Ronald Reagan Strike Group Commander.

“Both of these major exercises, as well as the other training events leading up to deployment, have proved that we have the speed and agility to quickly execute operations around the world in support of the war on terror. When we deploy for real-world operations, Carrier Strike Group Seven will be an example of how the Navy is able to carry out our mission anytime, anywhere in the world,” said Miller.

According to Ronald Reagan Commanding Officer Capt. Terry B. Kraft, the ship was made ready for the deployment through the hard work and dedication of the officers and crew.

“It was great watching the way the crew of the ship and the air wing came together during work-ups to make the ship ready for deployment. I know this crew is ready to carry out any mission that will be asked of us during the upcoming deployment,” said Kraft.

The Ronald Reagan Strike Group is composed of CVW-14, Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 7, the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier Reagan, the guided missile cruiser USS Lake Champlain (CG 57), the guided-missile destroyers USS McCampbell (DDG 85) and USS Decatur (DDG 73), the fast combat support ship USS Rainier (AOE-7), and Explosives Ordnance Disposal Unit 11, Det. 15.

The squadrons of CVW-14 include the “Redcocks” of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 22, the “Fist of the Fleet” of VFA-25, the “Stingers” of VFA-113, the “Eagles” of VFA-115, the “Black Eagles” of Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 113, the “Cougars” of Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (VAQ) 139, the “Providers” of Carrier Logistics Support (VRC) 30, and the “Black Knights” of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron (HS) 4.

Reagan was commissioned in July 2003, making it the ninth Nimitz-class nuclear powered aircraft carrier. The ship is named after the 40th U.S. president, and carries the motto of “Peace through Strength,” a recurrent theme during the Reagan presidency.



Coronado, Calif. - Sailors aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) man the rail as she departs Naval Air Station North Island. U.S. Navy photo by PH3 Kevin S. O'Brien



Coronado, Calif. - Sailors man the rail as USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) departs her homeport at Naval Air Station North Island. U.S. Navy photo by PHC Spike Call



Coronado, Calif. - Sailors man the rail as USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) departs her homeport at Naval Air Station North Island. U.S. Navy photo by PHAN C

USS Ronald Reagan Departs San Diego on Maiden Deployment

Coronado, Calif. - Sailors on the flight deck aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) form-up while preparing to man the rails, during preparations to get underway from their homeport at Naval Air Station North Island. More than 5,500 Sailors assigned to the Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group deployed in support of the global war on terrorism and maritime security operations. This is the maiden deployment for the Navy's newest Nimitz-class nuclear powered aircraft carrier. *U.S. Navy photo by PH2 Stefanie Broughton*



Coronado, Calif. - Sailors stationed aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) bid farewell to friends and family members at Naval Air Station North Island. *U.S. Navy photo by Christine Sing*



Coronado, Calif. - Sailors aboard the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) man the rail as she departs Naval Air Station North Island. This will be the maiden deployment for the Navy's newest Nimitz-class nuclear powered aircraft carrier. *U.S. Navy photo by JO1 Gregory S. Cleghorne*